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State Prisoners.

The health of Mr. R. Chinnayya Pillai, a political prisoner.

*183 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the weight of Mr. R. Chinnayya Pillai of Mayavaram, a political prisoner recently released, on admission to prison;

(b) his weight on the date of his release;

(c) the reason for the decrease;

(d) the reasons why no interview or correspondence was permitted in his case though the Jail regulations allow the same; and

(e) the reasons why Mr. Pillai was retained only in the quarantine in the Cuddalore Jail?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"Is it not the duty of the Jail authorities under the Jail Rules to take the weight of the prisoners both when they are admitted and when they are discharged."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I take it from the hon Member, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"Will the Government be pleased to ascertain the facts seeing that there was abnormal loss of weight?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I will ask my hon. Colleagne to look into the matter."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"Will he be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I have requested my hon. Colleague the Member for Jails to do so."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Is it not one of the privileges of an ordinary prisoner to receive letters at stated periods and what was the particular reason for depriving this prisoner of that privilege, Sir?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"The privilege is qualified I understand. But, any further question may be addressed to my hon. Colleague."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"I believe I know the rules of the Jail Code."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"In that particular, my hon. Friend has the advantage over me, because I have never administered that portfolio. (Laughter.) But I think questions relating to jails and Jail Regulations ought to be more properly addressed to my hon. Colleague Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur and if my hon. Friend would repeat the question I am sure he will get the necessary information from my hon. Colleague."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Along with that may I request the hon. the Home Member to look into this matter as to why a prisoner like Mr. Chinnayya Pillai was kept in the quarantine ward which gave him no

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room for moving about to get the necessary exercise whereas other prisoners had been given more freedom in that matter? Will the Government be pleased to enlighten us in this particular?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I will look into the question."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"May I ask the hon. Member to call for the information?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"My hon. Friend of course means the hon. the Home Member."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question?"

Collectorates.

Appointments in the Revenue department in Kurnool district.

*184 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what was the total number of appointments on Rs. 60—4—80 grade in the Revenue department at the beginning of 1924 in the Kurnool district; how many of them were held by Muhammadans?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the Revenue Establishment list of the Kurnool district corrected up to 1st April 1924, copy of which will be found in the Legislative Council Library.

Statements of unpassed clerks from Collectors.

*185 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to call for statements of unpassed clerks from the Collectors with a view to exempt them and remove the great discontent?

A.—The Government consider that the orders issued in G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925, which has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, are adequate and do not propose to take any action in the direction suggested.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"May I know if the Government Order has retrospective effect so as to involve the refund of the increments drawn already?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I think so, Sir."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"Is the Government aware of the fact that the Inspector-General of Registration has passed an order in his department of course that the Government Order should not be given retrospective effect and that it should take effect only from 1st March 1925?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"No, Sir."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to enquire into the matter and see that there is uniformity in all the departments?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Certainly, Sir."